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YOUNG AVENGERS®

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SIDEKICKS

PART ONE

DAILY
YOUNG AVENGERS?
WHO THE #*&% ARE THE YOUNG AVENGERS?
A NEW GENERATION OF HEROES?
By Bugle reporter Kat Farrell
Last night, the victims of an Upper East Side apartment fire were rescued from the four-alarm blaze by a group of unidentified teenagers costumed to resemble former Avengers Captain America, Thor, Iron Man, and the Hulk. The similarities between the Avengers and their youthful counterparts extended to the teens' abilities, as well. The young "Iron Man" extinguished the fire with the aid of high-tech armor every bit as functional as the original's appeared to have the ability to generate lightning like the teen "Thor" and the teen "Captain America" bounced with the agility and endurance to rescue several of the victims from the building's roof without appar

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MS. JONES, YOU'VE READ MS. FARRELL'S ARTICLE?

YEAH, BUT I--

THEN YOU KNOW THAT LAST NIGHT, FOUR KIDS DRESSED UP LIKE JUNIOR AVENGERS SHOWED UP OUT OF NOWHERE AND RESCUED A DOZEN PEOPLE FROM A FOUR-ALARM FIRE IN MIDTOWN.

J JONAH JAMESON

WITNESSES CLAIM *THOR JUNIOR* HAD *LIGHTNING* POWERS--

--THAT *IRON KID'S* ARMOR WAS MORE ADVANCED THAN IRON MAN'S--

--THAT *TEEN-HULK* WAS VERY POLITE--

--AND THAT *LIEUTENANT AMERICA* WAS--ACCORDING TO FARRELL HERE--EXTREMELY *BOSSY.*

HE TOLD ME TO *MOVE,* LIKE, *TEN* TIMES.

WHERE *WERE* YOU?

IN HIS FACE, ASKING HIM QUESTIONS.

WHILE HE WAS TRYING TO PUT OUT THE *FIRE?*

WHAT'S YOUR POINT?

THE *POINT* IS, NOBODY KNOWS *WHO* THEY ARE, *WHERE* THEY CAME FROM, OR *WHY* THEY'RE HERE.

THAT'S WHERE *WE* COME IN.

BY THE TIME TOMORROW'S PAPER GOES TO BED TONIGHT, YOU LADIES WILL HAVE FOUND OUT EXACTLY *WHO* THESE KIDS ARE AND WHAT GIVES THEM THE *RIGHT* TO CALL THEMSELVES "*THE YOUNG AVENGERS*".

DAILY BUGLE

YOUNG AVENGERS?

A NEW GENERATION OF HEROES?

UM... JONAH?

YES, KAT?

THEY DIDN'T EXACTLY CALL *THEMSELVES* THE YOUNG AVENGERS.

I DID THAT.

YOU DID THAT?

I USED A QUESTION MARK. "*YOUNG AVENGERS?*" IT WAS A *QUESTION*.

ACTUALLY... THEY'RE *NOT*.

THEY'RE *DRESSED* LIKE YOUNG *AVENGERS*.

THIS KID ISN'T WEARING CAPTAIN AMERICA'S UNIFORM...

...HE'S WEARING *BUCKY'S*.

THE SUIT'S BEEN *UPDATED*, BUT--

YOU'RE RIGHT. THE MILITARY JACKET, THE DOMINO MASK--

IT *IS* BUCKY.

OKAY, I'M SORRY, BUT--

--WHO'S *BUCKY*?

"WHO'S BUCKY?"

BUCKY WAS CAPTAIN AMERICA'S TEEN SIDEKICK DURING WORLD WAR TWO.

HOW COULD YOU NOT KNOW *BUCKY?* HOW OLD ARE YOU?

IT WAS WORLD WAR *TWO.* HOW OLD ARE *YOU?*

I WAS EXTREMELY *YOUNG* BACK THEN, THANK YOU FOR ASKING.

YOUNG ENOUGH--AND NAIVE ENOUGH-- TO WANT TO *BE* BUCKY.

YOU WANTED TO BE *BUCKY?*

CAP MISSING

EVERY KID DID.

UNTIL CAPTAIN AMERICA LED A FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY BEHIND ENEMY LINES...

...AND GOT HIM *KILLED.*

SUDDENLY, I DIDN'T *WANT* TO BE BUCKY ANYMORE. NOBODY DID.

FROM THEN ON, KID SIDEKICKS ONLY SHOWED UP IN COMIC BOOKS.

UNTIL *NOW.*

SO, THESE KIDS ARE THE AVENGERS' NEW *SIDEKICKS?*

THE AVENGERS *DISBANDED.* THERE *ARE* NO AVENGERS.

THESE KIDS ARE PROBABLY JUST SUPER-POWERED *FANBOYS.*

HOW DO YOU *KNOW?*

I *DON'T.* I JUST--

HOW DO YOU KNOW THE AVENGERS AREN'T STILL OPERATING IN *SECRET?* THAT THESE KIDS AREN'T JUST A *DISTRACTION?* A PUBLICITY STUNT?

BECAUSE I KNOW CAPTAIN AMERICA.

AND HE WOULD *NEVER* PUT ANOTHER KID'S LIFE IN DANGER.

NEVER.

YOU KNOW *CAPTAIN AMERICA?*

IT'S NOT LIKE WE *HANG OUT--*

WAIT--*YOU* WERE A YOUNG AVENGER ONCE, TOO, *WEREN'T* YOU?

NO. I WAS A YOUNG *IDIOT* WHO HAD NO BUSINESS PUTTING ON THAT RIDICULOUS COSTUME IN THE FIRST PLACE.

I *LIKED* THAT COSTUME.

NOW YOU'RE JUST MAKING FUN OF ME.

ONLY A LITTLE.

CHECK IT OUT...

...JESSICA JONES AS *JEWEL.*

OY... WHERE DID YOU *GET* THAT?

OFF THE NET. YOU'VE GOT, LIKE, *TWO HUNDRED* FAN-SITES--

THAT MAY BE THE SCARIEST THING I'VE EVER HEARD.

JEWEL (JESSICA JONES) aka **THE KNIGHTRESS)**

Little is known of **JESSICA JONES'** career as the costumed crime-fighter **JEWEL** as the mainstream press did not monitor her activities as closely as many of New York's other costumed heroes at the time. However, from the newspaper articles which do exist, **JEWEL** seems to have remained active for almost four years, occasionally teaming-up with a handful of other heroes, including the Avengers' **WARBIRD** (then **MS. MARVEL**).

It has been widely rumored that in her final appearance as **JEWEL**, Ms. Jones launched an unprovoked attack on **THE SCARLET WITCH** -- an attack which prompted an aggressive counter-attack by the Avengers themselves that left Ms. Jones comatose. Further fan speculation has suggested that, at the time, Ms. Jones was acting under the influence of the infamous **PURPLE MAN**, whose pheromone-based powers enable him to control the minds of anyone in his immediate vicinity.

Months later, Ms. Jones briefly attempted a costu comeback as **THE KNIGHTRESS**, but even le known about this period in her career.

Ms. Jones then retired from life as a costum and became a licensed private investigator, opening her own firm, **ALIAS INVESTIGA**

Most recently, Jessica Jones has taken a a consultant on **THE DAILY BUGLE**'s new super hero **THE PULSE**.

SO, WHO BETTER TO TRACK DOWN A GANG OF SUPER-POWERED *FANBOYS...?*

OH, NO...

...THAN SUPER-POWERED, FAN-FAVORITE *JEWEL?*

GUYS, THEY'RE *KIDS.* THEY'RE NOT GONNA REMEMBER *ME.*

SO, YOU'LL *REMIND* THEM. YOU STILL HAVE THE *COSTUME,* RIGHT?

OKAY, I'M GONNA BE SICK NOW.

AND NOT JUST BECAUSE I'M *PREGNANT.*

SO, YOU'LL *FIND* THE KIDS, *GET* THEIR STORY, AND PRACTICE YOUR *MOTHERING* SKILLS ALL AT THE SAME TIME.

WHAT MOTHERING SKILLS?

EXACTLY.

AND HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO *FIND* THESE KIDS?

HOW SHOULD I KNOW? ASK THAT SUPER HERO BOYFRIEND OF YOURS, LUKE CAGE. OR CALL YOUR BUDDY, CAPTAIN AMERICA.

IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY.

SO, HOW DOES IT WORK?

I HAVE *NO* IDEA.

THEN WHAT AM I *PAYING* YOU FOR?

I'M *NOT* WEARING THE COSTUME.

SO, HOW DO YOU WANT TO *DO* THIS? ARE WE GONNA WORK *TOGETHER?* OR--

ACTUALLY, I'M USUALLY BETTER OFF ON MY *OWN.* I ANNOY FEWER PEOPLE THAT WAY.

FINE.

BING

IT'S JUST--A LOT OF THE PEOPLE I NEED TO TALK TO HAVE SECRET IDENTITIES AND--

IT'S *FINE.* I GET IT.

SO...

...JONAH WANTED TO BE *BUCKY* WHEN HE WAS A KID. *THAT* EXPLAINS A LOT.

NOT REALLY.

WHAT KID *DOESN'T* WANT TO BE A SUPER HERO? TO HAVE THE PERFECT *BODY?* BE ABLE TO *FLY?*

I WANTED TO BE SPIDER-MAN, SO GO FIGURE.

WHAT ABOUT *YOU?*

BING

BELIEVE IT OR NOT...?

I WANTED TO BE *YOU.*

SO GO FIGURE.

YOU'RE *KIDDING,* RIGHT?

...

HEY, KAT. WAIT UP.

SO, WHAT'S YOUR NEXT MOVE? CONTACT WHAT'S LEFT OF THE AVENGERS?

I'LL *TRY,* BUT I'M NOT AS CONNECTED AS JONAH...

...THINKS.

JESSICA JONES...

HEY, JESS, HOW ARE YOU?

UH...

SORRY TO JUST SHOW UP LIKE THIS, BUT CAN WE TALK TO YOU FOR A MINUTE?

UM...

IN PRIVATE?

I GUESS, BUT... WHERE--?

ALLOW ME.

THANKS.

SORRY ABOUT THIS, KAT.

ENJOYED THE ARTICLE, MS. FARRELL.

THANK YOU... CAPTAIN.

HEY, JESS? CALL ME, OKAY?

I'LL BE ON MY CELL...

HOW'D YOU GUYS KNOW WHERE I WAS?

WE HAVE OUR WAYS.

MY BOYFRIEND TOLD YOU, DIDN'T HE?

YES, HE DID.

SO, THE KIDS AREN'T *YOURS?*

NO.

THE MARIA STARK FOUNDATION DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO FUND A TEAM OF **ADULT** AVENGERS, LET ALONE A GROUP OF **SIDEKICKS.**

YOU GUYS NOTICED THE BUCKY THING, *TOO?*

YEAH...

LOOK, I'M SURE THESE KIDS *MEAN* WELL--

BUT I WILL NOT ALLOW ANOTHER CHILD TO GET HURT-- OR ***WORSE***--TRYING TO FOLLOW MY EXAMPLE.

CAP, *YOU'RE* NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS--

YES, I AM.

I WAS *THEN* AND I AM *NOW.*

AT LEAST I'M *TRYING* TO BE.

THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO SHUT THESE KIDS DOWN.

AND HOW EXACTLY ARE YOU GUYS PLANNING TO DO THAT?

WE'LL *TALK* TO THEM. TALK TO THEIR *PARENTS.*

IF THEY'RE MUTANTS, WE'LL REFER THEM TO XAVIER'S SCHOOL.

WELL, YOU CAN *TRY,* BUT-- WE'RE TALKING ABOUT *TEENAGERS* HERE.

TEENAGERS WITH *POWERS.* DO YOU SEE WHERE I'M GOING WITH THIS?

WHAT IF THEY DON'T WANT TO *LISTEN?*

THEY'LL LISTEN.

*WE JUST HAVE TO **FIND** THEM.*

WELL...IF *I* WERE A KID WITH POWERS AND *I* WANTED TO BE AN AVENGER--WHICH I *DID,* BY THE WAY-- I'D HEAD STRAIGHT FOR AVENGERS MANSION.

THE MANSION'S SECURE.

WITH AN ALARM SYSTEM SO ADVANCED, EVEN I HAVE TROUBLE SHUTTING IT OFF.

SO...WHAT? WE JUST WAIT FOR THE KIDS TO SHOW UP AGAIN?

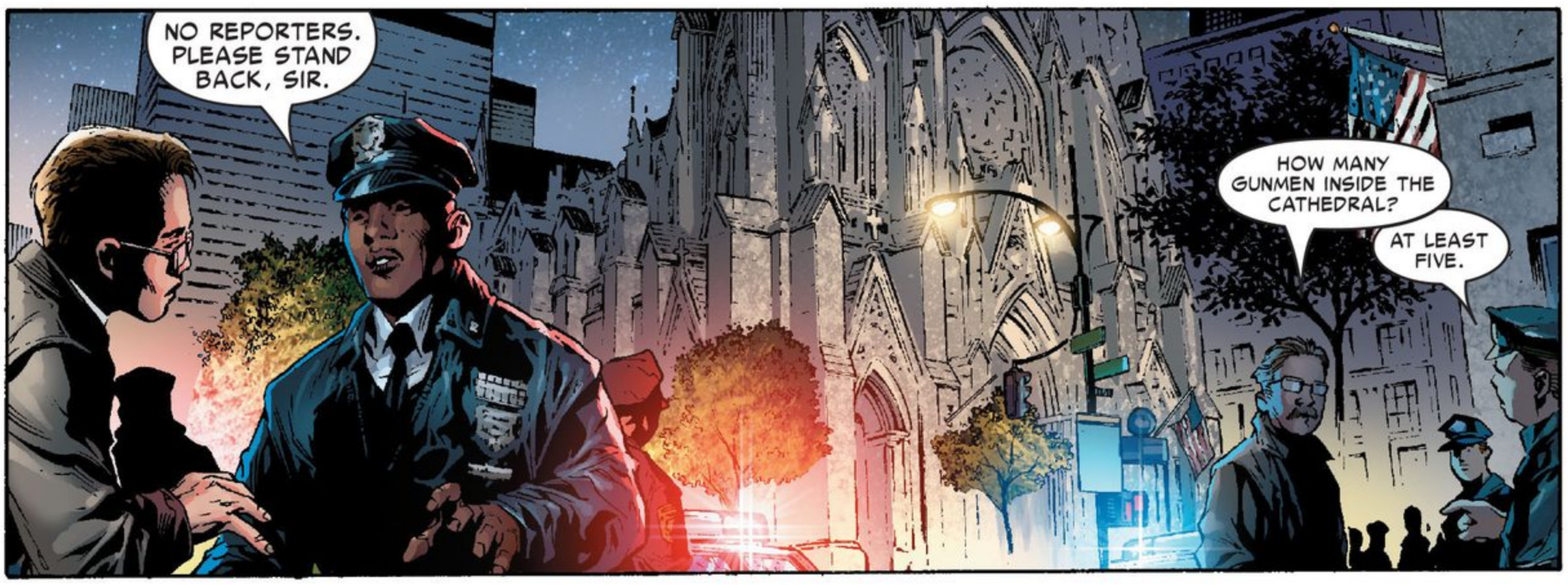
AND TRY TO *STOP* THEM BEFORE THEY CAN *HURT* THEMSELVES. OR ANYONE *ELSE,* FOR THAT MATTER.

GOOD TO SEE YOU, JESS.

LET US KNOW IF YOU FIND OUT ANYTHING.

HOW DO I GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU GUYS?

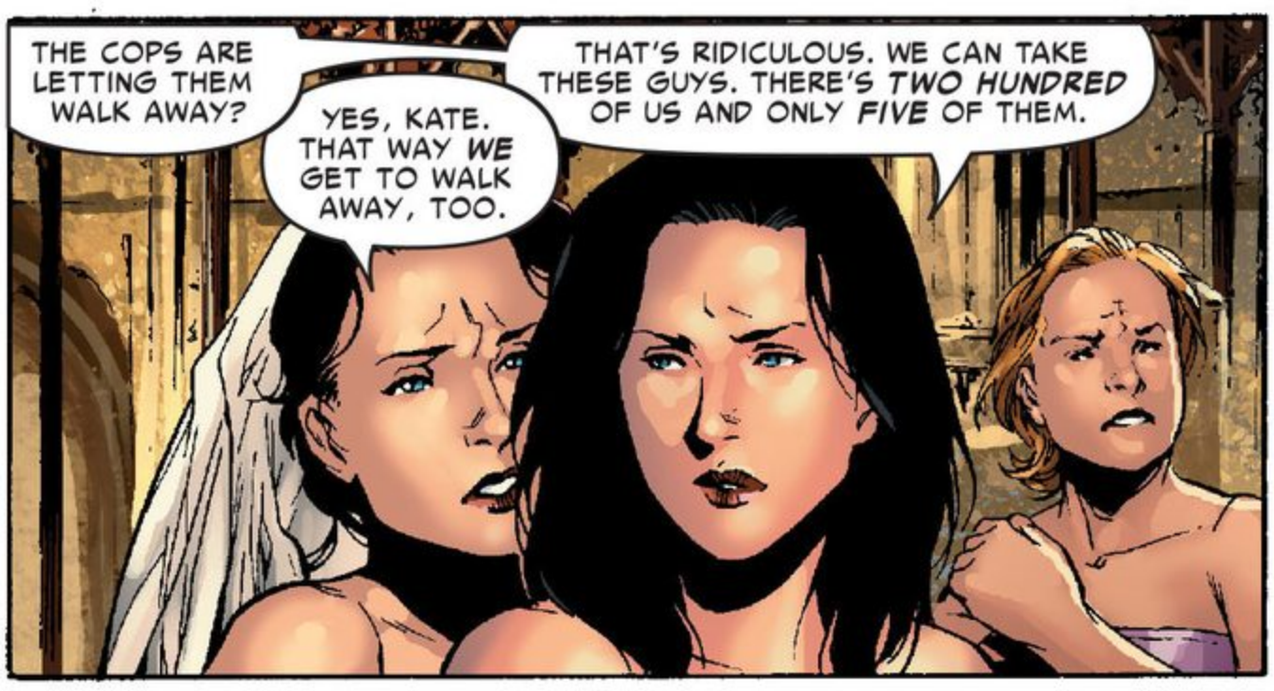
ASK YOUR BOYFRIEND.


NO REPORTERS. PLEASE STAND BACK, SIR.
HOW MANY GUNMEN INSIDE THE CATHEDRAL?
AT LEAST FIVE.

SO, WHAT DO THE COPS KNOW THAT *WE* DON'T?
APPARENTLY THE GROOM WAS JUST ABOUT TO KISS THE BRIDE WHEN FIVE GUYS IN ARMANI TUXEDOS WHIPPED OUT SEMI-AUTOMATICS AND ASKED ALL TWO HUNDRED GUESTS TO HAND OVER THEIR DESIGNER PURSES, WALLETS, AND JEWELRY...

"THE GUNMEN ARE NOW HOLDING THE ENTIRE WEDDING HOSTAGE UNTIL THEY GET SAFE PASSAGE OUT OF THE CITY.
"AND THE COPS ARE GIVING IT TO THEM."

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION, OFFICER. WE'LL BE RIGHT OUT.


THE COPS ARE LETTING THEM WALK AWAY?
YES, KATE. THAT WAY *WE* GET TO WALK AWAY, TOO.
THAT'S RIDICULOUS. WE CAN TAKE THESE GUYS. THERE'S *TWO HUNDRED* OF US AND ONLY *FIVE* OF THEM.

YES, BUT *WE* HAVE GUNS.

HULKLING, WHAT DID I SAY ABOUT COMING IN THROUGH THE ROSE WINDOW?

PATRIOT TOLD ME TO.

I DID NOT.

I SUGGESTED IT.

I SAID, "SOMEBODY'S GONNA GET HURT."

IF THE GUYS WITH THE *GUNS* HAVE THEIR WAY, SOMEBODY'S GONNA GET *KILLED.*

OW...

THUD!

"...A FEW LIGHTNING BOLTS...
ZZZ

HUH. THAT WASN'T SO BAD.

TRUST ME, IT GETS WORSE.

HULKLING! BEHIND YOU!

I GOT HIM!

YOU CERTAINLY DID.

YEAH, THANKS TO YOU.

NO. THANKS TO YOU.

GUYS!

DO YOU SMELL SMOKE?

YEAH...KINDA...

THAT'S BECAUSE THAT LAST LIGHTNING STORM OF YOURS KINDA STARTED A FIRE.

MY BAD.

OH...

I'LL GET THE FIRE. YOU GET THE BAD GUYS.

OH, RIGHT.

THE BAD GUYS...

UNH--!
OOF--!
THAT HAD TO HURT.
WHO ARE THESE SUPER IDIOTS?
I THINK THEY'RE THE YOUNG AVENGERS.
WELL, THEY'RE GONNA GET US ALL KILLED.
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT...
SMACK
KATE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'LL TAKE THAT, THANKS.
BANG!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!
WE DIDN'T COME HERE TO HURT ANYONE...
... BUT WE *WILL* IF WE HAVE TO.
NOW THEN...
LET THE GIRL GO.
NOT UNTIL MY ASSOCIATES AND I ARE SAFELY OUT OF HERE.
THE ONLY PLACE YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATES ARE GOING IS--
PATRIOT, LET THEM GO!
THE POLICE CAN HANDLE IT FROM HERE.
YEAH, 'CAUSE THEY'VE DONE SUCH A GOOD JOB *SO* FAR.
HEY, THE POLICE DIDN'T ENDANGER THE HOSTAGES AND SET THE PLACE ON FIRE.
YOUR FRIEND HAS A *POINT*.
WE DID THAT.
WHICH REMINDS ME...
...SO DO I.
AAAGH!!!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT, Y'KNOW. I WOULD'VE RESCUED YOU EVENTUALLY.
YEAH, BUT *THIS* WAY I GET TO RESCUE *YOU*, *TOO!*
DON'T BOTHER TO *THANK* ME OR ANYTHING.
FOR WHAT? I DIDN'T *NEED* A RESCUE! ESPECIALLY NOT FROM A--
YOU *WILL* IF YOU FINISH THAT SENTENCE.

...CHANNEL 2 NEWS REPORTING LIVE FROM ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, WHERE THE SO-CALLED YOUNG AVENGERS...

--TEEN HEROES BOTCHED AN ATTEMPTED RESCUE TONIGHT--

--SETTING *FIRE* TO THE CATHEDRAL AND ENDANGERING THE LIVES OF--

--POLICE CURRENTLY HAVE THE TEAM IN CUSTODY--

IF I HADN'T *STABBED* THE GUY--

WITH *MY* THROWING STAR--

YOU GONNA COME ALONG *QUIETLY* OR--?

ONE SECOND. THIS *GIRL* IS DRIVING ME--

WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE.

NOW!

YOUNG AVENGERS? KAT FARRELL, *DAILY BUGLE.*

"YOUNG AVENGERS"?

WHAT? YOU DON'T LIKE THE *NAME?*

IT'S A LITTLE ON THE *NOSE,* DON'T YOU THINK?

SO, WHAT DO YOU *CALL* YOURSELVES?

ASGARDIAN! HULKLING! LET'S GO.

IRON LAD, *WAIT!* PUT ME *DOWN!*

"IRON LAD"? "HULKLING"?

AND YOU GUYS THINK "YOUNG AVENGERS" IS ON THE NOSE?

WHAT'S LIEUTENANT AMERICA'S NAME?

PATRIOT. WHAT'S *YOURS?*

I'M JESSICA JONES.

JESSICA *JONES?* AS IN *JEWEL?*

OY...

LOOK, HERE'S MY CARD. IF YOU GUYS WANT TO TALK--

GUYS! LEAVING! NOW!

JESSICA JONES WANTS US TO CALL HER.

JESSICA JONES AS IN *JEWEL?*

YOU WERE *RIGHT.* THEY *ARE* FANBOYS.

WHO ARE YOU CALLING?

FANBOYS WHO JUST *DESTROYED* ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

MY BOYFRIEND.

IRON LAD! C'MON, MAN! LEMME GO!
YOU'RE GONNA BREAK BOTH YOUR LEGS.
I'M GONNA BREAK BOTH *YOUR* LEGS IF YOU DON'T LEMME GO!
GUYS, *SHUT UP!*
WE'RE TRYING TO RUN *AWAY* FROM THE COPS, NOT ATTRACT THEIR ATTENTION.
AND WHOSE FAULT IS THAT?
GREAT, HERE WE GO...
WE WOULDN'T **BE** RUNNING AWAY FROM THE COPS IF YOU'D **LISTENED** TO ME.
WHY **SHOULD** I? YOU JUST SAY THE **SAME** THING OVER AND OVER.
YES! BECAUSE YOU DON'T **LISTEN.**
THIS IS **NOT** SUPER HERO BEHAVIOR.
NOPE.
LOOK, IF WE CAN'T TAKE DOWN FIVE GUYS WITH **GUNS**, WHAT CHANCE WILL WE HAVE WHEN THE **REAL** ENEMY SHOWS UP?
HE'LL SHOW UP. AND WHEN HE **DOES**, HE'LL STOP AT NOTHING TO GET WHAT HE WANTS.
IF HE SHOWS UP.
THAT'S WHY THEY CALL HIM **KANG THE CONQUEROR.**
IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN IT'S GONNA TAKE A LOT MORE THAN FOUR KIDS TRICKED OUT LIKE JUNIOR AVENGERS TO STOP HIM.

GOOD LUCK, YOU GUYS.

PATRIOT, WAIT!

I CAN'T. I GOTTA GET HOME BEFORE MY GRANDMA NOTICES I'M GONE.

SEE YOU TOMORROW...?

PATRIOT?

HE'LL BE BACK.

I HOPE SO. BECAUSE WHEN KANG FINDS US, WE'RE GOING TO NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET.

JESSICA JONES AS IN...

JEWEL, I KNOW. JESSICA JONES. WHO ARE *WE* TO BE CALLING JESSICA JONES?

IN *THAT* CASE--

HERE...

JESSICA JONES WANTS US TO CALL HER.

ACCORDING TO THE *BUGLE*, WE'RE THE *YOUNG AVENGERS*.

OKAY, BEFORE WE CALL HER, WE *HAVE* TO COME UP WITH A BETTER NAME.

WHAT'S THE POINT? SHE'S NOT GOING TO **BELIEVE** ME ABOUT KANG. **PATRIOT** DOESN'T EVEN BELIEVE ME.

SO, WHAT DO WE *DO*?

WE KEEP **TRAINING**-- PREPARING FOR KANG'S ATTACK.

NOT *TONIGHT* THOUGH, OKAY?

SCHOOL TOMORROW.

YOU GONNA BE ALL RIGHT HERE BY *YOURSELF*?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME...

" ...I'LL BE FINE."

LOOK AT THIS PLACE...

"AVENGERS ASSEMBLE..."

FUNNY YOU SHOULD SAY THAT--

WHO'S THERE?

WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO ASK *YOU* THE *SAME* QUESTION.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, SON?
HOW DID YOU DISABLE THE ALARM SYSTEM?
WHAT ARE YOU *DOING* HERE?
WHERE DID YOU GET THE *ARMOR*?
GUYS, EASE UP, OKAY?
HI...IRON *KID*? IRON... *BOY*?
IRON LAD.
LAD? REALLY? I'M--
JESSICA JONES. FORMERLY *JEWEL*. ALSO *KNIGHTRESS*.
OKAY, INSTEAD OF BEING SCARED THAT YOU *KNOW* THAT, I'M JUST GOING TO INTRODUCE YOU TO CAPTAIN AMERICA.
IT'S AN HONOR, SIR. SORRY ABOUT THE ION BLAST.
NOT A PROBLEM.
AND *THIS* IS IRON MAN. OBVIOUSLY.
WHERE DID THAT ARMOR COME FROM?
IT'S A LONG STORY. YOU PROBABLY WON'T BELIEVE IT--
TRY ME.
WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH *US*, SON, AND WE'LL--
WHOA. EASY NOW--
SORRY, SIR.
SOMETIMES THE ARMOR RESPONDS TO MY *THOUGHTS*-- BEFORE I EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M *THINKING*.
IT'S *PSYCHO-KINETIC*?
NEURO-KINETIC. THE TECHNOLOGY'S A LITTLE... *ADVANCED*.
BY AT LEAST TEN YEARS.
ACTUALLY? MORE LIKE A *THOUSAND*. SEE...

...I'M FROM THE *THIRTIETH CENTURY.*

THEY CALL ME *KANG...*

TO BE CONTINUED...

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